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Hudkins. Senator Hudkins' amendment was that there would be the judges added to Douglas County and to Sarpy County, but not removed from District 12 and District 5, the county judge from District 5, and the district judge from District 12. I voted against Senator Hudkins' amendment. I would like to tell you why. I don't know how many of you have served on committees and bodies that have been appointed by a body to make a determination, and then after that body has worked long and hard and make a determination, and then the body that appoints them doesn't pay any attention to what they've done, and I've been on that situation, and I've been very frustrated. So I felt, as a matter of principle, that I felt that I was constrained to vote against the amendment. Upon reflection, I considered the fact that this particular amendment goes in this fashion. It provides that we are taking away a judge, a district judge from the western part of the state, a district judge from the...or a county from the east central part of the state, and I'm looking at the decision-making process of the Judicial Resources Commission, and I respect the Judicial Resources Commission. I think it's important that we have that body, who is appointed by this...by this Legislature. However, I am concerned that when there was not even a majority of that body that made this determination to do these drastic things in connection with the judicial process that I do not feel that this body should be constrained to be required to follow that, when it, as I say, was not even a majority, it was by a vote of one person that that was done in the first place. So I decided that this matter is so serious to not only the districts, themselves, but to the people of those districts, and recognizing the fact that the reason we have a judicial system is to provide a place for redress for people in this state for their judicial concerns. So with that, I felt that this matter should come up for reconsideration. I do not, really, at this time feel bound by the Judicial Resources. I think it should be sent back to Judicial Resources for them to make a more definitive statement for this body. So with that, I would ask that the amendment of Senator Hudkins be reconsidered. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Pederson. Senators, the motion before the body now is the reconsideration. You've heard the opening. To debate the motion, the Chair would recognize Senator Beutler.